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1. THE GOS LAW REGARDING THE POSSESSION, SALE AND TRAFFICKING
OF MARIHUANA IS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. LESS THAN 100 GRAMS CONSTITUTES POSSESSION AND SEN-
TENCING CAN RANGE FROM A SMALL FINE TO TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT
AND A \$20,000 (US\$8,333) FINE.
 - B. TRAFFICKING IS PRESUMED IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS ARRESTED
WITH OVER 100 GRAMS (3 1/2 OUNCES). THE SENTENCES RANGE FROM
A MINIMUM MANDATORY SENTENCE OF 3 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND 3
STROKES OF THE ROTAN TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND 10 STROKES
OF THE ROTAN. SALE OF MARIHUANA IS AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDERED
TRAFFICKING DESPITE THE AMOUNT INVOLVED.

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- C. IN CASES OF SALE OR POSSESSION OF 10 KILOGRAMS (22
POUNDS) OR MORE A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT IS IMPOSED WITH 15 STROKES OF THE ROTAN. AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE THE SENTENCE CAN BE SET UP TO 30
YEARS.

2. AS AN INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE GOS VIEWS

ITS EFFORTS TO STOP THE USAGE OF ALL DRUGS INCLUDING MARIHUANA
THE FOLLOWING RECENT EXAMPLES OF PENALTIES IMPOSED IN SPECIFIC
MARIHUANA CASES ARE CITED:

OFFENSE/AMOUNT	SENTENCE AND STROKES OF THE ROTAN
POSSESSION/81.2 GRAMS	3 YEARS AND 3 STROKES
TRAFFICKING/9.24 GRAMS	4 YEARS AND 3 STROKES
TRAFFICKING/0.46 GRAMS	3 YEARS AND 3 STROKES

3. ALTHOUGH THE GOS CONTINUES TO PROSECUTE MARIHUANA CASES,
IT DEVOTES MOST OF ITS DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TO COMBATTING
HEROIN TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSION. HOLDRIDGE

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